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A JOURNEY from this WORLD to the NEXT. By the late HENRY FIELDING, Esquire.

CHAPTER I.

The Author dies, near with Mercury, and is by him conducted to the Stage which sets out for the other World.

On the first Day of December, 1741, I departed this Life at my Lodgings in Cheap-side. My Body had been some Time dead before I was at Liberty so quit it, with a shudder, by any Accident, return to Life. This is an Injunction imposed on all Souls by the eternal Law of Fate, to prevent the Inconveniences that would follow. As soon as the defined Period was expired (being no longer than till the Body becomes perfectly cold and stiff) I began to move, but found myself under a Difficulty of making my Escape, for the Mouth, or Door, was shut, so that it was impossible for me to go out at it; and the Windows, vulgarly called the Eyes, were so closely pulled down, by the Fingers of a Nurse, that I could by no Means open them. At last I perceived a Beam of Light glimmering at the Top of the House (for such I may call the Body I had been included in) whether ascending, I gently let myself down through a Kind of Chimney, still infused out of the Nostrils.

No Prisoner, discharged from a long Confinement, and tasted the Sweetness of Liberty with more exquisite Relish than I enjoyed this Delivery from a Dungeon, wherein I had been detained upwards of forty Years; and with much the same Kind of Regard I call my Eyes back to my own.

My Friends and Relations had all quitted the Room, being all (as I plainly overheard) very loudly quarrelling below Stairs about my Will. There was only an old Woman left above, to guard the Body, as I supposed. She was in a soft Sleep, occasioned, as from her Saviour's Words, by a comfortable Dose of Gin. I had no Pleasure in this Company, and therefore, as the Window was wide open, I slipped forth into the open Air, but, to my great Astonishment, found myself unable to stir. I had always, during my Habitation in the Body, conceived of Spirit, as something, I came to lightly on the Ground that I did not bear weight; and though I had not the Gift of flying (owing, probably, to my not having learned to use my Wings) I was capable of hopping such a prodigious Way at once that I saved my Turn almost as well.

I had not hoped for before I perceived a tall young Gentleman in a Silk Waistcoat, with a Ring on his left Hand, a Garland on his Head, and a Caduceus in his right Hand. I thought I had seen this Person before, but had not Time to recollect where, when he talked out to me, and asked me how long I had been departed. I answered, I was just come back. You must not say that, replied he, unless you had been dead in which Case, indeed, you might have been allowed to visit me. But if you are a natural Dead, you must sit up for the dead, and I will show you to the Inn where the Stage proceeds. At last he said, Perhaps you never heard of me; my Name is Mercury. He, Sir, said I, I have seen you in the Playhouse; upon which he looked, and looking at me as if that I were walking directly forward, he said, Mercury, making a full Stop, pointed at a particular House, where he bids me inquire for the Stage; and, wishing me a good Journey, took his Leave, saying he must seek other Customers.

I arrived just as the Coach was setting out, and found I had no Occasion for Inquiry; for every Person seemed to know my Business, the Moment I appeared at the Door. The Coachman told me the Horse was so, but that he had no Place left. However, though there were already six, the Passengers offered to make Room for me. I then sat down, and attended without much Ceremony. We immediately began our Journey, being seven in Number; for, as the Women were no Hoops, three of them were but equal to two Men.

Perhaps, Reader, thou mightst be pleased with an Account of this whole Journey; so, peradventure, thou wilt not, while alive, be any such. The Coach was guided by an eminent Toyman, who is well known to deal in immaterial Substance, that being the Matter of which it was compounded. The Work was so extremely fine that it was entirely invisible to the human Eye. The Horses which drew this extraordinary Vehicle were all spiritual, as well as the Passengers. They had, indeed, all died in the Service of a certain Postmaster; and as for the Coachman, who was a very thin Piece of immaterial Substance, he had the Honour, while alive, of driving the Great Peter, or Peter the Great, in which Service his Soul, as well as Body, was almost starved to Death.

Such was the Vehicle in which I set out; and now thou who art not willing to travel on with me may, if they please, stop here. Those who are most disposed to the subsequent Chapters, in which this Journey is continued.

CHAPTER II.

In which the Author first relates some idle Opinions concerning Spirits, and then the Passengers relate their several Deaths.

IT is the common Opinion that Spirits, like Owls, can see in the dark, nay and can then be most easily perceived by others; for which Reason many Persons of good Understanding, to prevent being terrified with such Objects, usually keep a Candle burning by them, that the Light may prevent their seeing. Mr. Locke, in direct Opposition to this, hath not doubted to assert that you may see a Spirit in open Daylight full as well as in the darkest Night.

It was very dark when we set out from the Inn, nor could we see any more than if every Soul of us had been alive. We had travelled a good Way before any One offered to open his Mouth. Indeed most of the Company were taken asleep. But as I could not close my own Eyes, and perceived the Spirit that sat opposite to me to be likewise awake, I began to make Overtures of Conversation, by complaining how dark it was. And extremely cold too (answered my fellow Traveller) though, I thank God, as I have no Body, I feel no Inconvenience from it. But you will believe, Sir, that this frosty Air must seem very sharp to One just issued forth out of an Oven; for such was the inflamed Habitation I am lately departed from. How did you come to your End, Sir? said I. I was murdered, Sir, answered the Gentleman. I am surprised then, replied I, that you did not divert yourself by walking up and down, and playing some merry Tricks with the Murderer. Oh, Sir, returned he, I had not that Privilege; I was lawfully put to Death. In short, a Physician let me on Fire, by giving me Medicines to throw out my Dis temper. I died of a hot Regimen, as they call it, in the Smallpox.

One of the Spirits at that Word started up, and cried out, "The Smallpox! his's me! I hope I am not in Company with that Dis temper, which I have all my Life with such Caution avoided, and have so happily escaped hitherto." This Freight let all the Passengers who were awake into a loud Laughter; and the Gentleman recollecting himself, with some Confusion, and not without blushing, asked Pardon, crying, "I protest I dreamed that I was alive. Perhaps, Sir, said I, you died of that Dis temper, which therefore made it strong an Impression on you. No, Sir, answered he, I never had it in my Life; but the continual dreadful Apprehension kept me to long under Cancer, I fear, to be immediately cured. You must know, Sir, I avoided coming to London for thirty Years together, for Fear of the Smallpox, until the most urgent Business brought me thither about five Days ago. I was so dreadfully afraid of this Disease that I refused the second Night of my Arrival, to sup with a Friend whose Wife had recovered of it several Months before; and the same Evening got a surfeit by eating too many Mincepies, which brought me into this good Company."

"I will lay a Wager, cried the Spirit that sat next him, there is not One in the Coach able to guess my Dis temper." I desired the Favour of him to acquaint us with it, if it was so uncommon. "Why, Sir, said he, I died of Honour. Of Honour, Sir! repeated I, with some Surprise. Yes, Sir, answered the Spirit, of Honour; for I was killed in a Duel."

"For my Part, said a fair Spirit, I was inoculated last Summer, and had the good Fortune to escape with a very few Marks in my Face. I esteemed myself now perfectly happy, as I imagined I had no Restraint to a full Enjoyment of the Divisions of the Town; but, within a few Days after my coming up, I caught Cold by over-dancing myself at a Ball, and last Night died of a violent Fever."

After a short Silence, which now ensued, the fair Spirit that spoke last, it being now Daylight, addressed herself to a Female who sat next her, and asked her to what Chance they owed the Happiness of her Company. She answered, she apprehended to a Conspiration; but the Physicians were not agreed concerning her Dis temper, for the left two of them in a very hot Dispute about it when she came out of her Body. And pray, Madam, said the same Spirit to the sixth Passenger, how came you to leave the other World? But that female Spirit, screwing up her Mouth, answered, she wondered at the Curiosity of some People; that perhaps Persons had already heard some Reports of her Death, which were far from being true; that, whatever was the Occasion of it, she was glad at being delivered from a World in which she had no Pleasure, and where there was Nothing but Noise and Impertinence, particularly among her own Sex, whose loose Conduct she had long been entirely ashamed of.

The beautiful Spirit, perceiving her Question gave Offence, pursued it no further. She had, indeed, all the Sweetness and good Humour that was so extremely amiable (when found) in that Sex, which Tenderness most universally becomes. Her Countenance displayed all the Cheerfulness, the good Nature, and the Modesty, which distinguish the Brightness of the Beauty of Seraphims, saving every Beholder with Respect, and at the same Time ravishing him with Admiration. Had it not been, indeed, for our Conversation on the Smallpox, I should have imagined we had been conversing with her identical Person. This Opinion might have been strengthened by the good Sense she uttered whenever she spoke, by the Delicacy of her Sentiments, and the Complaisance of her Behaviour, together with a certain Dignity which attended every Look, Word, and Gesture, something which could not fail making an Impression on a Heart so susceptible of receiving it as mine. Nor was the long in raising in me a very violent Surge of Sensible Love; I do not intend by this that Sort of Love which men are very properly said to make to Women in the lower World, but which seldom lasts any longer than while it is making; I mean by it that low and extreme Delicacy and Tenderness of Friendship, which, my worthy Reader, if thou hast no Conception (as it is possible thou mightst not) my Endeavour to instruct thee would be as useless as it would be to explain the most difficult Problems of Sir Isaac Newton, to One ignorant of vulgar Arithmetick.

Therefore, therefore, to be comprehensible by all Understandings, I thought proper to tell thee the Vanity, Folly, and Misery of the lower World, from which every Soul in the Coach expressed the highest Pleasure in being delivered, though it was very remarkable that notwithstanding the Joy we declared at our Death there was not One of us who did not mention the Accident which occasioned it as a Thing we would have avoided if we could. May the very grave Lady herself, who sat forward in telling her Delight, confessed, inadvertently, that she had been a Physician by her Bedside; and the Gentleman who died of Honour very liberally curried both his Folly and his Fencing. While we were conversing ourselves with these Matters, on a sudden a most offensive smell began to invade our Nostrils. This very much resembled the odour which Travellers, in Summer, perceive at their Approach to that beautiful Village of the Hagos, arising from those delicious Canals which, as they consist of standing Water, do at that Time emit Odours greatly agreeable to a Dutch Taste, but not so pleasant to any other. Those Persons, with the Assistance of a fair Wind, begin to affect Persons of quick olfactory Nerve as a League's Distance, and increase gradually as you approach. In the same Manner did the Smell I have just mentioned more and more invade us, until one of the Spirits, looking out of the Coach window, declared we were just arrived at a very large City, and indeed had scarce said so before we found ourselves in the Suburbs; and at the same Time, the Coachman being asked by another, informed us that the Name of this Place was the City of Discomfort. The Road to it was extremely smooth, and, excepting the above mentioned Savour, delightfully pleasant. The Streets of the Suburbs were lined with Baginios, Taverns, and Cooks Shops. In the first we saw several beautiful Women, but in tawdry Dresses, looking out of the Windows; and in the latter were visibly exposed all Kinds of the richest Dainties. But, on our entering the City, we found, contrary to all we had seen in the other World, that the Suburbs were infinitely pleasanter than the City itself. It was, indeed, a very dull, dark, and melancholy Place. Few People appeared in the Streets, and these, for the most Part, were old Women, and here and there a formal grave Gentleman, who seemed to be thinking, with large Tie-Wigs on, and Amber-headed Canes in their Hands. We were all in Hopes that our Vehicle would not stop here; but, to our Sorrow, the Coach soon drove into an Inn, and we were obliged to alight.

CHAPTER III.

The Adventures we met with in the City of Discomfort.

WE had not been long arrived in our Inn, where it seems we were to spend the Remainder of the Day, before our Host acquainted us that it was customary for all Spirits, in their Passage through that City, to pay their Respects to that Lady Discomfort, to whose Assistance they had owed their Deliverance from the lower World. We answered, we should not fail in any Complaisance which was usual to others; upon which our Host replied, he would immediately send Porters to conduct us. He had not long quitted the Room before we were attended by one of those grave Persons whom I have before described, in large Tie-Wigs, with Amber-headed Canes. These Gentlemen are the Ticket Porters in this City, and their Canes are the *Inferno*, or Tickets, denoting their Office. We informed them of the several Ladies to whom we were obliged, and were preparing to follow them, when, on a sudden, they all started at one another, and left us in a Hurry, with a Frown on every Countenance. We were surprised at this Behaviour, and presently summoned the Host, who was no sooner acquainted with it than he burst into a hearty Laugh, and told us the Reason was because we did not see the Gentlemen the Moment they came in, according to the Custom of the Place. We answered, with some Confusion, we had brought Nothing with us from the other World; which he had been, all our Lives, informed was not lawful to do. "No, no, Matter, replied the Host. I am apprised of that, and indeed it was my Fault. I should have first sent you to my Lord Scrape, who would have supplied you with what you want. My Lord Scrape supply us!" said I, with Affrontment. Sure, you must know we cannot give him Security; and I am convinced he never lent a Shilling without it in his Life. No, Sir, answered the Host, and that Reason he is obliged to do it here, where he is sentenced to keep a Bank, and to distribute Money gratis to all Passengers. This Bank originally consisted of just a Sum, which he had miserably hoarded up in the other World, and he is to perceive it decrease daily one Shilling a Day, until it is totally exhausted; after which he is to return to the other World, and perform the Part of a Miser for twenty Years; then, being purified in the Body of a Horse, he is to enter the human species again, and take a second Trial. "Sir, said I, you tell me Wonders; but if my Bank be to decrease only a Shilling a Day, how can he furnish all Passengers?" The Host, answered the Host, is supplied again, but in a Manner which I cannot easily explain to you. I apprehend, said I, this Distribution of his Money is attached on him as a

"Punishment; but I do not see how it can answer that End, when he knows it to be restored to him again. Would it not serve the Purpose as well if he parted only with a single Shilling, which it seems is all he really is to lose? Sir, cries the Host, when you observe the Agencies with which he parts with every Guinea you will be of another Opinion. No Prisoner, condemned to Death, ever begged so heartily for Transportation, as he, when he received his Sentence, did to go to Hell, provided he might carry his Money with him. But you will know more of these Things when you arrive at the upper World; and now, if you please, I will attend you to my Lord's, who is obliged to supply you with whatever you desire."

We found his Lordship sitting at the upper End of a Table, on which was an immense Sum of Money, disposed in several Stacks, every One of which would have purchased the Honour of some Nations, and the Chastity of some Prudes. The Moment he saw us he turned pale, and sighed, as well apprehending our Business. Mine Host attended him with a familiar Air, which at first surprised me, who so well remembered the Respect I had formerly seen paid to this Lord by Men infinitely superior in Quality to the Person who now saluted him in the following Manner: "Here, you Lord, and be dam'd to your little fawning Soul, sell out your Money, and supply your Betters with what they want. Be quick, Sirrah, or I'll fetch the Bandle to you. Don't loiter yourself in the lower World again, with your Privilege at your Arm." He then shook a Case at his Lordship, who immediately began to tell out his Money with the same miserable Air and Face which the Miser on our Stage wears while he delivers his Bank Bills. This affected some of us so much that we had certainly returned with no more than what would have been sufficient to feed the Porters, had not our Host, perceiving our Confusion, begged us not to spare a Fellow who, in the midst of Immortal Wealth, had always refused the least Contribution to Charity. Our Hearts were hardened with the Reflection, and we all filled our Pockets with his Money. I remarked a piteous Spirit in particular, who forces he would have a hearty Gripe at him; "for, says he, the Devil not only refused to subscribe to my Works but sent back my Letter unanswered, though I am a better Gentleman than himself."

We now returned from this miserable Object, greatly admiring the Prosperity as well as Justice of his Punishment, which consisted, as our Host informed us, merely in the delivering forth his Money; and he observed we could not wonder at the Pain this gave him, since he was sensible that the bare parting with Money should make him miserable, as that the bare having Money, without using it, should have made him happy.

Other Tie-Wig Porters (for thus we had humiliated them) related to visit us again) now attended us; and, as before, told us the Ladies they entered the Room, according to the Instructions of our Host, then bowed, and smiled, and offered to introduce us to whatever Place we pleased.

We set out several Ways, as we were all sojourning in the lower World. I directed my Porter to show me to the Town of Discomfort, being the Discomfort which had delivered me from the lower World, and I traversed many Streets, and landed at several Offices, and at last at the Malice Alameda, a French Lady's name, which, the Coachman told me, was the Rheumatism; at the fifth, Intemperance, at the sixth, Mismanagement, I was tired, and had exhausted my Patience, and closed my Eyes; for I gave my Porter a new Fee at every Boulder he made; when my Guide, with a solemn Countenance, told me he could do no more, and departed off without any further Ceremony.

He was no sooner gone than I met another Gentleman, with a Ticket in his Hand, and an Amber-headed Case in his Hand. I first asked him, and then he acquainted him with the Name of the Discomfort. He said he had been two or three Minutes, into a thoughtful Posture, then pulled a Piece of Paper out of his Pocket, on which he wrote something in one of the Oriental Languages, I believe, for I could not read a Syllable. He bid me carry it to such a particular Shop; and telling me it would do my Business, he took his Leave.

Secure as I now thought myself of my Direction, I went to the Shop, which very much resembled an Apothecary's. The Person who officiated, having read the Paper, took down about twenty different Jars, and pointing something out of every one of them, made a Mixture, which he delivered to me in a Bottle, having first tied a Paper round the Neck of it, on which were written three or four Words, the last containing eleven Syllables. I mentioned the Name of the Discomfort I wanted to find out; but received no other Answer than that he had done as he was ordered, and the Drugs were excellent.

I began now to be enraged, and quitting the Shop with some Anger in my Countenance, I intended to find out my Inn; but meeting, in the Way, a Porter whose Countenance had in it something more pleasing than ordinary, I resolved to try once more, and clapped a Pet into his Hand. As soon as I mentioned the Discomfort to him he laughed heartily, and told me I had been imposed on; for, in Reality, no such Discomfort was to be found in that City. He then inquired into the Particulars of my Case, and was the sooner acquainted with them than he informed me that the Malice Alameda was the Lady to whom I was obliged. I thanked him, and immediately went to pay my Respects to her.

The House, or rather Palace, of this Lady, was one of the most beautiful and magnificent in the City. The Avenue to it was planted with Sycamore Trees, with Beds of Flowers on each Side; it was extremely Pleasant, but short. I was conducted through a magnificent Hall, adorned with several Statues and Bustos, most of them ancient, whence I concluded them all to be true Antiquities; but was informed they were the Figures of several modern Heroes, who had died Martyrs to her Ladyship's Cause. I next mounted through a large painted Staircase, where several Persons were depicted in Caricature; and, upon Inquiry, was told they were the Portraits of those who had affronted themselves against the Lady in the lower World. I supposed I should have known the Faces of many Physicians and Surgeons, had they not been so violently distorted by the Painter. Indeed he had exerted his much Malice in his work that I believe he had himself received some particular Favours from the Lady of this Mansion. 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...in our journey we met a soldier
...in his own way. One day

And now, on a sudden, the Mockery ceased; and the King Spirit having obtained a Hiding, began to speak as follows, for we were now near enough to hear him distinctly.

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GEMELLY

He was gone a little way when a Spirit limped after him, swearing would fetch him back. This Spirit, I was presently informed, was who had drawn the Lot of his Prime Minister.

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First then, he receives from a very fair Person, whose Look immediately struck him, a small Vial, inscribed THE PATH

As soon as the Spirit is dismissed by the Operator, or Apothecary, at Liberty to approach the Wheel, where he hath a Right to ex-

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We were obliged, before we quitted the Place, to take, each of us, an Emolick from the Apothecary, which immediately purged us of all our earthly Taints, and presently the Clouds took our Eyes, as doth those of Africa in Vind when removed by Venus, and we discerned Things in a much clearer Light than before. We began to sympathize those Spirits that were making their Entry into the FRÖB, whom we had until then secretly envied, and to love eagerly for those delightful Plains which we opened themselves to our Eyes, and to which we now basted with the virtuous Eagerness. On our Way we met with several Spirits with very dejected Countenances, but our Expedition would not suffer us to ask any Questions.

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The next Spirit that came up declared he had done neither Good nor Evil in the World, for that since his Arrival at Man's Estate he had spent his whole Time in Search of Curiosities, and particularly in the Study of

There now advanced a very beautiful Spirit indeed. She began to explain the very Moment she saw him. She said she hoped there was some Merit in refusing a great Number of Lovers, and dying a Maid, though

She was succeeded by a Spirit who told the Judge he believed his Works would speak for him. What Works? answered Minos. My dramatic Works, replied the other, which have done so much Good, in recon-

A miserable old Spirit now crawled forwards, whose Face I thought had formerly been near Westminster Abbey. He entreated Bligh with long Harangues of what he had done when in the HOUSE; and then cre-

A great Number of Spirits now came forward, who all declared they had the same Claim, and that the Captain should speak for them. He acquainted the Judge that they had been all slain in the Service of the

Four Spirits informed the Judge that they had been starved to death through Poverty; being the father, Mother, and two Children. That they had been honest, and as industrious as possible, until sickness

A very stately Figure now presented himself; and informing Minos that he was a Patriot, began a very florid Harangue on publick Virtue and Liberty of his Country. Upon which Minos bowed him the utter

A Spirit now advanced, and the Gate was immediately thrown open to him, before he had spoken a Word. I heard some whisper, that this was the last Lord Mayor.

and, Anne, declaring there was not a single Trade in England.

N. B. All Persons who have any demand against the said Estate, are desired to make them known.—at the tenth Term and Place will pay fifty Shillings—44-44-44—46-Ready Money, or Six Shillings Net.

T S CORNER.

THE BEGGAR.

The Sorrows of a poor old Man
 His trembling Limbs have born him to your Door,
 His Days are dwindled to the shortest Span,
 His Relics, and Heaven will bless your Store,
 His Father's Clothes my Poverty bespeak,
 His hoary Locks proclaim my lengthen'd Years,
 And many a Furrow in my Grief-worn Cheek
 Has been the Channel to a Stream of Tears.
 You Houer, treaded on the rising Ground,
 With tempting Aspect, drew me from my Road,
 For Plenty there a Residence has found,
 And Grandeur a magnificent Abode.
 (Hail is the Fate of the infirm, and poor!)
 Here craving for a Moriel of their Breath,
 A pamp'rd Menial forc'd me from the Door,
 To seek a Shelter in an humble Shed.
 O! take me to your hospitable Dome,
 Run Mews the Wind, and piercing is the Cold!
 Short is my Passage to the friendly Tomb,
 For I am poor, and miserably old.
 Should I reveal the Source of every Grief,
 If soft Humanity e'er touch'd your Breast,
 Your Hands would not withhold the kind Relief,
 And Tears of Pity could not be repeld.
 Heaven sends Misfortunes; why should we repine?
 'Tis Heaven has brought me to the State you see;
 And your Condition may be soon like mine,
 The Child of Sorrow, and of Misery.
 A little Farm was my paternal Lot,
 Then like the Lark I sprightly hail'd the Morn;
 But, ah! Oppression forc'd me from my Cot,
 My Cattle dy'd, and blighted was my Corn.
 My Daughter, once the Comfort of my Age,
 Led by a Villain from her native Home,
 Is cast abandon'd on the World's wide Stage,
 And down'd in empty Poverty to roam.
 My tender Wife, sweet Soother of my Care!
 Struck with sad Anguish at the stern Decree,
 Fell, lingering ill, a Victim to Despair,
 And left the World to Wretches and me.
 Pity the Sorrows of a poor old Man!
 Whole trembling Limbs have born him to your Door,
 Whole Days are dwindled to the shortest Span,
 O! give Relief, and Heaven will bless your Store.

By Decree of the Court of Vice Admiralty, to be SOLD for ready Money, in the Borough of Norfolk, on Friday the 8th of March,

THE Spanish SNOW *La Siguiera De Las Rosas*, with her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture; also four Hundred and eighty Barrels of Flour, four Hundred Weighted Casks, six Hundred Bushels of Corn, forty Barrels of Pork and Beef, &c. &c.

JOHN TYLER, Marshal.

THE Subscribers, who live within eight Miles of Bedford County, have about five Thousand Acres of LAND for Sale, on reasonable Terms, whereon are several valuable Improvements. The Quantity of the Land is very good for Tobacco, and is convenient to the Courthouse, about two Thousand Acres of it lies within five Miles of James River, where Tobacco is carried to the Suspension by Water. Most Credit will be given for Half the Purchase Money, and here Credit for the other Half. The Land will be sold off to suit the Purchaser. The Price may from fifteen to fifty Pounds a Hundred Acres.

MICAH MOORMAN.

MICAH TERRALL.

For SALE.

TWENTY Thousand Acres of LAND, in the Colonies of *Frederick and Hampshire*, which was advertised some Years ago in this Colony, and the neighbouring Provinces, and its Situation and Qualities are described; therefore think it needless to repeat them now. It will be sold very cheap, and reasonable Time of Payment will be allowed the Purchaser, or Purchasers, for one Half of the Purchase Money; who may be shown the Premises by applying to the Subscriber, in Person.

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BRYAN BRUN.

GEORGE III. by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. to the Sheriff of Southampton County, greeting: We command you that you summon *James M. Kelly*, to appear before our Justices of our General Court, in Chancery, at the Courthouse of the said County, on the second Thursday in February next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against him and *John Lyndman*, Merchants; and that he shall in no Wise omit, under the Penalty of one Hundred Pounds, and have then there this Writ. Witness *Richard Kello*, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, the 20th Day of January, 1771, in the seventh Year of our Reign.

RICHARD KELLO.

SMITHFIELD, February 21, 1771.

COMMITTED to Isle of Wight Jail, on the 20th of January last, a Negro Man who says he belongs to *Thomas Nelson*, and lived close by Tort Town. He is a likely black Fellow, a little pockmarked, and an outlandish Negro. The Owner may have him, on paying Charge, of

JOHN TAYLOR, Jailor.

RUN away from the Subscriber, some Time in the Month of January, a Negro Fellow named OCTER. He is about five Feet seven or eight Inches high, very slim, has very small Legs, and wears a Reddian. He was sent to my Plantation by *Frederick Lewis*. Whoever will bring the said Runaway to me, in King William County, or will secure him so that I may get him again, shall have a Reward of FORTY SHILLINGS.

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE.

TAKEN up, in King William, a dark bay MARE about four Feet high, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, and branded on the near Buttock I P. Posted, and appraised to FIVE POUNDS.

THOMAS BLACKWELL.

CHARLES CITY Prison, February 20, 1771.

THIS is to give Notice that I will certainly give the Advancement of the Act of Assembly, and swear out of Prison, on the next Charles City Court Day, being the 6th of March

WILLIAM COLE.

IMPORTED in the Chatham Frigate, and to be SOLD at the Subscriber's Shop in Blandford,

A VARIETY of DRUGS and MEDICINES; also Cerebials, Shampoos, some very large, Gallipots, Vials, Sugar Candy, Figs, Balm of Honey, Spine's Elixir, Turlington's Balsam, Tefun's Drops, Anderson's Pills, Bala's Drops, British Oil, Hungry Water, James's Powders, Lister's Pills, Court Plaster, Sago, Salop, Vermacelli, Verdigris, Fleth Brothers, Wash Balls, Syringes, Lint, Tow, Goldical, Nipple Glades, &c. &c.

WILLIAM STARK.

WANTED.
Four Negro Fellows.

Ready Money will be given. Inquire of Captain *William Fleet*, in King and Queen County.

THE Commanding Officers of the Southern

Debate are requested to appear the GENERAL MUSTERS upon the following Days, when they will be waited upon by

SURRY,	Friday	15	
PRINCE GEORGE,	Monday	18	
CHESTERFIELD,	Tuesday	19	
CUMBERLAND,	Wednesday	20	MARCH.
PRINCE EDWARD,	Friday	22	
AMELIA,	Tuesday	26	
BRUNSWICK,	Friday	29	
DINWIDDIE,	Monday	1	
SUSSEX,	Friday	5	
SOUTHAMPTON,	Monday	8	
ISLE of WIGHT,	Wednesday	10	APRIL.
NANSEMOND,	Monday	15	
NORFOLK County,	Monday	22	
Town,	Wednesday	24	
PRINCESS ANNE,	Friday	25	

To be SOLD to the highest Bidders, on the third Thursday in March, at King William Courthouse, being Court Day,

ELEVEN Hundred and twenty five Acres of exceeding fine well timbered LAND lying on *Pamunkey*, below *Ruffin's Ferry*, on the main Road from the Courthouse to *Wolf Point*, being the Land whereon Colonel *Bernard Moore* formerly lived. In the last Advertisement of this Land it was, by Mistake, said to be subject to Mrs. *Moore's* Dower; but Mrs. *Moore* has already been satisfied for her Dower, by the late Speaker's Administrators, so that the Subscribers can now undertake to convey the Land discharged from all Encumbrances. At the same Time and Place will be sold several SLAVES, which could not be carried to the Sale at *Richmond*. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond, with Security, to

CARTER BRAXTON,
GEORGE WEBB,
THOMAS WALKER,
THOMAS JEFFERSON,
JACK POWER,

Trustees.

To be SOLD to the highest Bidders, on the second Wednesday in March, being the Day before Caroline Court, at Colonel *Bernard Moore's* Plantation in Caroline;

THE Stocks of CATTLE, HOGS, CORN, and FODDER. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond, with Security, to Colonel *Moore's* Trustees. Mr. *Samuel Reid* will attend the Sale, in Behalf of the Trustees.

Also, on the second Thursday in March, being Caroline Court Day, at Caroline Courthouse, will be sold, to the highest Bidder, three Hundred and seventy Acres of well timbered LAND, with a good Dwellinghouse, and all convenient Outbuildings, a good Garden, and an Orchard. Those inclinable to purchase the Land may be shown the same by Mr. *Samuel Reid*, who lives in the Neighbourhood of it. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond and Security to

CARTER BRAXTON,
GEORGE WEBB,
THOMAS WALKER,
THOMAS JEFFERSON,
JACK POWER,

Trustees.

To be SOLD at SMITHFIELD, on Monday the 4th of March, if fair, otherwise next fair Day,

ALL the personal Estate of *Charles Driver*, deceased, consisting of two Sloops, one of them on the Stocks, which, when finished, will carry two Thousand Bushels of Corn; the other is well found, and will carry two Thousand five Hundred Bushels of Corn. Also a large Quantity of Pease, Corn, Salt, Rum, Sugar, and Molasses; Stocks of Cattle, Sheep, Horses, and Horses; Household and Kitchen Furniture, and a Variety of other Articles too tedious to mention. Bond, with good Security, will be required for all Sums above twenty Shillings; and Credit will be allowed until the 10th of October next.

ANNE DRIVER,

JOHN DRIVER,

Administrators.

N. B. All those who are indebted to the above Estate are required to make speedy Payments, and those who have any Demands against it to make them known on the Day of Sale.

WILLIAMSBURG, February 11, 1771.

RUN away from Williamsburg, on the 15th of December last, a Negro Man named *PETER*, about thirty Years old, five Feet four or five Inches high, of a yellowish Complexion, is an artful smooth talkative Fellow, can read and write, and may probably have a forged Pass. He has been seen at the Plantation of the late Com-military *Robinson*, in King and Queen County, where he has several Relations. Whoever apprehends the said Slave, and will deliver him either to Mr. *David Lewis* in New Kent County, or to me in Williamsburg, shall have a Reward of FIVE POUNDS. Masters of Vessels, and others, are hereby forewarned from carrying the said Slave out of the Country. He is outlawed.

JOHN LEWIS.

TAKEN up, in King William, a finely coloured roan HORSE about four Feet seven Inches high, appears to be about thirteen or fourteen Years old, has a Switch Tail, Half his Mane cut off, in a Kind of a Roach, and the other Half a long Bob, some Saddle Spots, appears to pace naturally, and branded on the near Buttock at. Posted, and appraised to five Pounds.

HENRY CLARK.

TAKEN up, in Amelia, a large black MARE with some white in her Forehead, her off hind Foot white, and Part of the Inside of her off fore Foot white. She is branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock S, and paces fast. Posted, and appraised to ten Pounds.

PETER JONES, Senior.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, New York, January 22, 1771.

HIS Majesty's Postmaster General having (for the better facilitating of Correspondence between Great Britain and America) been pleased to add a fifth Packet Boat to the Station between *Amelia* and New York, Notice is hereby given that the Mail, for the future, will be closed, at the Post Office in New York, at twelve of the Clock at Night, on the first Tuesday in every Month, and dispatched by a Packet, the next Day, for *Falmouth*.

By Command of the Deputy Postmaster General.

ALEXANDER COLDEN, Secretary.

YORK Town, February 11, 1771.

THOSE indebted to the Store kept by Smith and *James* are desired to take Notice that the Partnership expires the first Day of April next, and that no Indulgence can be given after that Time.

LAWRENCE SMITH.

AS I intend to decline Trade entirely, I will sell my Stores, &c. at *Wolf Point*, or rent them for a Term of Years. They are as well situated for the *W. I. India* Trade as any Place in the Colony, and there are all other convenient Outbuildings upon the Lots. The Terms may be known by applying to the Subscriber, in King William.

JOHN G. FRAZER.

N. B. The Storehouse, Granary, and Stable, are entirely new.

ALL Persons who have any Demands against the Estate of *James M. Kelly*, are requested to make them known to the undersigned, that they may be paid in full.

ANDREW CRAWFORD, Executor.

To be SOLD,

THE Plantation well known by the Name of *Good Hope*, in King William County, four Miles below the *Wolf Point*, is a beautiful Estate upon *York River*, commanding a large and extensive Prospect of the River and adjacent Country. The Land is good for Corn, Wheat, and Tobacco, is well timbered, and has a fine firm Marsh enclosed with a good Fence, containing three Hundred Acres, which will maintain two Hundred head of Cattle, without feeding, in Winter. There are good Pastures on the Premises, a very good Garden, Apple and Peach Orchards, a good Tide Mill on a Creek near the House; every Thing in good Order for Crops, and a great Plenty of Fish, Oysters, and Wild-fowl. Whoever inclines to purchase the above will be shown the same, and may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber, on the Premises.

JOHN TOWNES.

GEORGE III. by the Grace of God of

Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. to the Sheriff of *Albemarle County*, greeting: We command you that you summon *James M. Kelly*, to appear before our Justices of our General Court, in Chancery, at the Capital, in *Williamsburg*, on the 8th Day of the next Court, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against her by *Samuel Gay*; and that she shall in no Wise omit, under the Penalty of one Hundred Pounds; and have then there this Writ. Witness *William Nelson*, Esquire, President of our Council, at *Williamsburg*, the fifth Day of November, in the eleventh Year of our Reign.

BEN: WALLER.

NORFOLK, January 21, 1771.

STOLEN from the Ship *Morris*, William

Long Master, lying at *Portsmouth*, on the Night of the 20th Instant, a Philadelphia built YAWL, and three Oars. She has a red Stream, and a blue Struck, on each Side, with yellow Mouldings, and has just her lower Rudder Iron. Whoever will bring the said Yawl to the Subscriber shall have TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward, and on Conviction of the Thief a further Reward of THIRTY SHILLINGS.

IM INGLIS & LONG.

TAKEN up, in Goodland, a small bay MARE about four Feet three Inches high, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, and branded on the near Buttock O. Posted, and appraised to three Pounds.

WILLIAM PRICE.

Pursuant to the last Will and Testament of *Mr. Anthony Hay*, deceased, will be SOLD, on TUESDAY the 7th of MAY, before the *Raleigh* Court, in Williamsburg,

NINETEEN NEGROES belonging to his Estate, among them a very good Cabinet Maker, a good Coal hauler and Cartwright, some fine Waiting Boys, good Cooks, Waiters, &c. Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond and Security to

WILLIAM TREBELL,

ROBERT NICOLSON,

Executors.

N. B. All Persons who have Demands against *Mr. Hay's* Estate are requested to make them speedily known, that Provision may be made for discharging them; and those indebted thereto are desired to make immediate Payment. It is hoped none of the Creditors will put the Estate to any unnecessary Charge, by Suits, when we assure them the best Means will be used to pay the Debts with all Speed, and when it is considered that *Mr. Hay* has left a large Family, whose tender Years entitle them to some Indulgence.

RICHMOND, February 6, 1771.

INTEND to leave this Place by the first of

April next, and to settle in Williamsburg; where I shall open a Shop on the main Street, near the Capital, to clean and repair CLOCKS and WATCHES, and to make and sell all Sorts of GOLD and SILVER WORK, at the most reasonable Rates. Those who please to employ me may depend on their Work being done well, and expeditiously.

JAMES GAIT.

RUN away from the Subscriber, on Saturday

the 26th of January, an indentured Servant Man named *WILLIAM READ*. He is a well set Fellow, about five Feet ten Inches high, and speaks the West Country Dialect pretty broad; had on, and took with him, a dark coloured Duffel short Frock Coat, a Pair of blue Plains Breeches with a spotted Cotton Waistband, a Pair of Yarn Stockings, a Black Shirt, and *Virginia* made Shoes. He is a Farmer, and understands something of making and laying Bricks. Whoever delivers the said Servant to me at *Wolf Point*, in King William County, or secures him so that I may get him again, shall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward.

JOHN WEST.

Wanted on CHARTER, to load Tar and Turpentine in NORTH CAROLINA.

A VESSEL of about fifteen Hundred Barrels Burthen. For Terms apply to *John A. Martin* in Norfolk, or the Subscribers at *Richmond*; who have for Sale a Quantity of good SEINE TWINE.

STORRS & ELLIS.

To be SOLD at the Plantation where *Mr. Robert Alcock* lives, in the County of Culpeper, on the last Day of February,

TWELVE Thousand Acres of Land, lying in the Fork of *Rappahannock* and *Roanoke* Rivers, in the said County. Credit will be given until the 24th of October following, the Purchasers giving Bond and Security to the Executors of the Honourable *Philip Grymes*, Esquire, and a Discount allowed, at the Rate of five per Cent. per Annum, for prompt Payment. The Land will be sold in Parcels, and *Mr. Alcock* has Directions to show it to any Person who is desirous of seeing it before the Day of Sale.

CHARLES GRYMES.

BENJAMIN GRYMES, Junior.

To be LET on CHARTER, for any Port in Britain, or to any Port to the Eastward,

THE new Ship *MORANT BAY*, *James Craig* Master, which will be ready to take in her Load by the first of February next. Any Person inclinable to charter may know the Terms by applying to said Master, or of the Subscribers. She has excellent Accommodations for Passengers.

LOGAN, GILMOUR, & Co.

NORFOLK, December 25, 1770.

RUN away from the Subscriber, at the Falls

of *James River*, the Middle of last Month, a Negro Man named *DAVEY*, belonging to the *Hon. William Byrd*, Esquire, about thirty Years old, five Feet eight Inches high, and very stout made, he is of a yellow Complexion, has a down Lock, and a Deed in some of his fore Teeth. He is supposed to be lurking about *Hempstead*, *Pocahontas*, or some town near *Richmond*. Whoever will apprehend the said Fellow, and bring him to me, shall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward; and if taken out of the Colony, FIVE POUNDS.

DAVID PATTERSON.

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